

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In Re Application of: **Aurell, Macedo, Minidis, and Yousefi-Salakdeh**

Serial No.: **10/560,764**

Group Art Unit: **1621**

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Title: **Process for Preparing (2S)-3-(4-{2-[amino]-2-oxoethoxy}phenyl)-2-ethoxy propanoic acid Derivatives**

**Mail Stop Amendment**

Commissioner for Patents

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Dear Sir:

**REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION**

In response to the Office Action dated February 16, 2007, in connection with the above-identified patent application, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration. The period for reply has been extended to and through June 16, 2007 by submission of a petition and fee herewith.

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